(b) Eastern Coalfields Limited and Bharat Coking Coal Limited have been continuously making high losses, before considering coal price retention account adjustments

Singareni Collieries Company Limited has also been incurring loss.

(c) The main reasons for losses in both KCL and BCCL are predominance of high cost underground mines, difficult mining conditions, exhaustion of reserves and large work-force. SCC: Higher percentage of production from the conventional UG mines which are labour intensive, low productivity and high wage cost; OC mines having high stripping ratio; industrial relations problems, and law and order situation.

(d) Following steps are being taken for improving performance and raducing the losses of Eastern Coalfields Limited and Bharat Coking Coal Limited:

1. Rationalisation of manpower.
2. Redeployment of manpower.
3. Training for skill upgradation.
4. Voluntary retirement scheme.
5. Productivity improvement.
6. Increasing production of superior grades of coal, wherever possible.
7. Intensive monitoring of identified mines.
8. Seqreqation of feeder lines for uninterrupted power supply.

[*English*]

Chaliyar Irrigation Project

1219. SHRI V.S. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for the construction of the Chaliyar Irrigation Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to include this project in the eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):(a) to (c). The State Government have indicated that they have a proposal to formulate the Chaliyar major project on the basis of detailed topographical and geological investigations for submission to the Central Water Commission for appraisal by March, 1992.

[*Translation*]

Production of Oilseeds

1220. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing edible oil crisis dur to increase in the prices of oil seeds and shortfall in oilseeds;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the production of oilseeds during the current year and the last year; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of oilseeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Despite considerable increase in indigenous oilseeds production in the recent past, edible oil prices have tended to be high during the current year because the demand supply gap could not be adequately filled by imports. The position is not critical and with the kharif oilseeds coming into the market, improvement in the situation can be expected.